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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains a report on legislation acted on by the Legislature prior to the June 3, 2016 Legislative deadline to pass bills out of the house of origin.

- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
 - **County-sponsored AB 2765 (Weber)** – related to resentencing under Proposition 47 of 2014, passed the Assembly Floor on May 31, 2016.
 - **County-sponsored SB 1335 (Mitchell)** – related to reimbursement for Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services, passed the Senate Floor on May 31, 2016.
- **County-Advocacy Legislation.** The Legislature took action on seven County-advocacy measures related to: 1) the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver, Assembly bill; 2) the Right to Try Act; 3) criminal penalties for persons convicted of recruiting or directing individuals into the sex trade; 4) allowing retirement systems governed under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to elect to be an independent district; 5) vital records requests; 6) the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver, Senate bill; and 7) social enterprise preference for small businesses.

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- **Legislation of County Interest.** The Legislature took action on two measures of County interest related to: 1) creating a statewide regulatory system for the use of unmanned aircraft; and 2) the Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Legislative Deadlines

June 3, 2016 is the Legislative deadline to pass bills out of the house of origin. The Assembly and Senate continue to take action on numerous measures including the County-advocacy measures reported below.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored AB 2765 (Weber), which as introduced on February 19, 2016, would eliminate the time period for individuals to petition for resentencing of specified felonies to misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47 of 2014, was amended on May 19, 2016. As amended, this measure would extend the time period to petition for resentencing under Proposition 47 by five years, from November 4, 2017 to November 4, 2022.

The Office of the Public Defender (PD) supports these amendments, noting that the five year extension would afford the County flexibility in its outreach efforts, allowing more individuals the opportunity to benefit from reclassification under Proposition 47. The PD indicates that AB 2765 would benefit the larger judicial system in that it will allow petitions to be completed in a more measured and fiscally prudent manner. The PD reports that the additional five years should be enough time to process most of the petitions anticipated by the County. Currently, it is projected that more than 500,000 individual County clients, with over 800,000 cases, are potentially eligible for Proposition 47 reductions.

AB 2765 passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 58 to 19 on May 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-sponsored SB 1335 (Mitchell), which as amended on April 20, 2016, would authorize federally qualified health centers to elect to have Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 35 to 0 on May 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly.

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County-supported AB 1568 (Bonta), which as amended on May 3, 2016, would enact provisions of the new five-year Federal Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 64 to 0 on May 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-supported AB 1668 (Calderon), which as amended on March 7, 2016, would establish the Right to Try Act to permit a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product or device to make the product available to eligible patients with a serious or immediately life-threatening disease, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 65 to 1 on May 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-supported AB 1771 (O'Donnell), which as amended on March 29, 2016, would increase the maximum penalty of imprisonment from 6 months to one year in a county jail for persons convicted of directing and/or recruiting individuals into the sex trade, was amended on May 19, 2016.

As amended, AB 1771 would additionally allow a juvenile court to dismiss charges against a minor who is alleged to have supervised or aided individuals in the sex trade upon a finding that the minor did so due to coercion or duress. This amendment would help protect these minors whom are also victims of commercial sex trafficking. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals that develop or enhance programs and services, and increase protections for victims of commercial sexual exploitation, **the Sacramento advocates will continue to support AB 1771.**

AB 1771 passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 79 to 1 on May 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-opposed AB 1853 (Cooper), which would allow a retirement system governed under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, such as the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association, to elect by resolution to be an independent district and, as such, classify various county personnel as employees of the retirement system, without the approval of the county board of supervisors, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 45 to 21 on May 31, 2016. The measure now proceeds to the Senate.

County-supported AB 2636 (Linder), which as amended on April 12, 2016, would allow local governments to offer consumers the option to request copies of their vital records via a secure electronic identification process, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 77 to 0 on May 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Senate.

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County-supported SB 815 (Hernandez), which as amended on May 3, 2016, would enact provisions of the new five-year Federal Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 39 to 0 on May 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly.

County-supported SB 1219 (Hancock), which as amended on May 31, 2016, would create an employment social enterprise preference for State contracts, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 37 to 0 on June 1, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly.

Status of Legislation of County Interest

SB 868 (Jackson), as amended on May 31, 2016, would create the State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act, which would regulate the use of unmanned aircrafts, otherwise known as drones, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 25 to 12 on June 1, 2016. The measure now proceeds to the Assembly.

SB 958 (Lara and Hall), which as amended on April 26, 2016, would establish a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Los Angeles to adjust the boundaries of the County's supervisorial districts after each decennial U.S. Census, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 25 to 11 on May 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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